

## WOMAN'S WORLD AND WORK.

Mrs. Hall Who Is Known as the Woman Humorist.

### WOMEN WHO ARE DECORATORS

The New English Woman Described by Lady Somerset. A Jolly Good Fellow. Women Censorship in Baltimore. In All Departments.

The clever writing and speaking of Mrs. Florence Howe Hall have earned her the title of "the woman humorist of the country." She does indeed possess a notable ability for presenting the gravest questions in a manner that carries weight because of its liveliness and wit. She is identified with many varied interests. From her father she has inherited an aptitude for organization and is thus never happier than when planning fairs, lecture courses, sewing circles, reading classes, clubs, etc. She was a charter member of the Monday Afternoon club of Plainfield, N. J., and for two years its president. In the work of the general federation she has also been active and is now serving her third term as state chairman of correspondence for New Jersey. She was the first to propose a state federation in New Jersey and used both voice and pen to bring it about.

Mrs. Hall has long been known to literature. Soon after her marriage to Mr. David Prescott Hall, a well known New York city lawyer, she took up the work of writing for the press and the periodicals. With her sister, Mrs. Maud Howe Elliott, she has for some years



MRS. FLORENCE HOWE HALL.

been engaged in writing the life of her father's famous pupil, Laura D. Bridgman, who was the first blind deaf mute ever taught the use of language. Mrs. Hall is the author of a number of farces. One of these, a satire on the anti woman suffragists, has already won hearty plaudits before amateur footlights.

The suffrage question has been the theme of many of her most successful addresses and papers. Her speech at the federation meeting in Philadelphia last May was a humorous plea in its behalf and excited wide interest. She is the president of her state's suffrage association and president of the Plainfield branch alliance of Unitarian and other liberal Christian women.

As a lecturer Mrs. Hall has enjoyed an unusual success and has found much pleasure and profit, she says, in addressing her audiences. In accordance with Dr. Howe's theories that every woman should have at her fingers' ends some means of support, Mrs. Hall was early trained in bookkeeping. Her published volumes include "Social Customs" and "The Correct Thing." She has four children, the eldest, Samuel Prescott Hall, having recently graduated from Harvard college with classical honors at the age of 20.—New York Recorder.

### Women Decorators.

Women as interior decorators, says The Upholsterer, are not numerous, but they are here.

After careful investigation the names and addresses of ten women upholsterers have been obtained. There are others, perhaps, but they are so modest or they appreciate the advantages of a business reputation so little that they are known only within a limited sphere. Those who are best known to the trade as upholsterers are Miss Virginia Brush, Miss A. E. McCarthy, Miss Ella Florence Ward, Mrs. K. J. Collins, Mrs. H. Klingensfeldt and Miss Mary Tillinghast. Besides these there are others, also well known in the trade, who either are not residents of New York or who do work chiefly outside of the city.

In speaking of her fitness for the work of interior decoration one bright woman said that a woman could understand a man and a woman's needs better than a man, and for that reason a woman is a better upholsterer for the much desired homelike appearance of a house to be lived in, principally by women and children, than a man. She said also that the clients of an upholsterer were not accustomed to furnishing houses. Perhaps they had never furnished a house, or at best had furnished one house only, and consequently they were not able to remember all of the details of upholstering and furnishing that they desired. In any case they always need suggestions from an expert, and for the reason that a woman understands a woman's ways, a woman's ideas, a woman's thoughts and a woman's needs a woman is more competent to make those suggestions than a man.

However this may be in practice, it is certainly logical in argument, and as a matter of fact, whether the argument is logical or not, and whether the work

or women upholsterers and decorators and contractors, as they profess to be, is successful or not, they are here, and they are at work, and so far as we have heard there are not only no complaints against their work, but a great deal of praise for it.

### DAN DIDN'T DRINK.

But, All the Same, His Share of Whisky Didn't Grow Any Older.

Somebody asked Secretary Lamont to take a drink the other day. Before the colonel could reply somebody else told this story:

"That makes me think of the last time I heard some one give the colonel the same invitation. It was during Cleveland's first term. The presidential party was in St. Louis reviewing the parade. It was a cold, blustering day, the sort of weather which makes one draw himself up into the smallest possible space. Governor Francis, who was doing the honors, looked at the president standing stoically in the face of the wind while the parade went by. Going to Colonel Lamont, the governor said:

"Colonel, do you eh—think it would—it would be right to ask the president to eh—to take a drink—eh—of whisky? Pretty cold, you know, and it would do him good."

"Ask him to take a drink!" Lamont exclaimed. "Good heavens, man, do you mean to say that you have been with the president 24 hours and haven't asked him to take a drink?"

"The governor looked somewhat surprised, but at the same time relieved, admitted his guilt, and, stepping to the president, said:

"Mr. President."

"The president, turning around, looked at him straight in the eye, which seemed to take the sand out of the governor, who, blushing and stammering like a young man about to propose to his sweetheart, said:

"Eh, Mr. President, do you know it is very cold today—eh—I thought that maybe, just by way of a preventive, you know, that possibly you might think it wise to take a small drink of—eh—whisky."

"Where is it?" the president in a very businesslike manner asked.

"Right this way," said Governor Francis, and beckoning at the same time to Lamont and the mayor he led the party to a room which contained a table on which were four glasses half filled with whisky. The president looked at the glasses and said to Governor Francis:

"Who are these for?"

"Why, one, Mr. President, is for you, one for Colonel Lamont, one for the mayor and one for myself."

"The president took up one glass and emptied its contents into another. Setting down the empty glass, he raised the filled one carefully to his lips, and looking at the red liquor with an expression of sweet anticipation said just before emptying his glass, 'Dan don't drink.'"—Chicago Times.

### A NEW CURE FOR LUNACY.

Some Interesting and Successful Experiments by Eminent Specialists of Vienna.

An interesting new method of curing mental diseases was expounded by Professor Wagner, head of the psychiatric department of Vienna university, at a meeting last week. The cure is based upon the fact, frequently experienced, that mental maladies disappear if the patient gets another illness of an entirely different kind, particularly fever.

Professor Wagner, following nature's inexplicable cure, has produced fever in the insane by applying Dr. Koch's tuberculin in grave cases. The effect of this treatment was that, after every tuberculin injection, the insane patient felt easier, the insanity recurring several times, but finally disappearing for good.

Professor Albert, the well known surgeon of Vienna university, corroborated this testimony by a recent case in his department. A patient who was suffering from melancholia had to go through the operation of transfusion of blood. This caused a high fever, during which the state of the patient's mind was remarkably improved. When the fever ceased, his mental condition was, to the professor's astonishment, entirely normal.—Vienna Letter.

### A New Mining Fever Coming.

There are indications that an era of speculation in gold mining stocks is rapidly approaching. The great cheapening of silver has directed renewed attention to the most precious of metals, and there has been a remarkable increase in its production during the past year. Cheaper and better machinery has been invented, and new and more effective processes of treating ores are being constantly discovered. In consequence mines that were long ago abandoned as worthless have been reopened, and new ones are being located everywhere in the gold bearing regions. Under the new order of things a great deal more capital is required, and since comparatively few individuals can be found able or willing to take the risk of mining investments stock companies must be formed. The result may soon be that the market will be flooded with mining securities.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Hopkins' Picture on Baltimore Bonds. Mayor Latrobe, with the concurrence of the finance commissioners, has directed City Register Robb to have a vignette of Johns Hopkins on the certificates of stock to be issued for the \$4,000,000 loan. Issues of bonds have previously contained vignettes of the mayors of Baltimore who held office at the time the bonds were issued.—Baltimore Sun.

In Japan.  
"Come, little pigeon, all weary with play,  
Come and thy pinions fold."  
That's what a Japanese mother would say  
To her dear little Japanese girl.  
"Climb to flutter thy white, white wings,  
Now that the day is dead."  
Listen and dream while the mother bird  
Sings.  
That means, "It's time for bed."  
"Stay, little sunbeam, and cherish me here.  
My heart is so cold when you roam."  
That is Japanese for "No, my dear;  
I'd rather you'd play at home."  
"Roses and lilies shall atrew thy way."  
The sun goddess now has smiled.  
That's what a Japanese mother would say  
To a good little Japanese child.

### Things Unsaid.



Nearsighted Old Gentleman—You are the very image of your mother, Miss De Partington.

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### His Ideal.

Suitor—I presume you want a man who can support your daughter.

Father—Certainly, sir. But that is not all. I must be assured of something far more than this.

Suitor—Speak. What is it?

Father—I may need your help occasionally myself.—New York Herald.

### She Was Right.

Mr. Sharp—If there were no women, the men would have nothing to laugh at. Mrs. Sharp—If there were no women, the men wouldn't want anything to laugh at. They would not feel like laughing.—New York Weekly.

### Explained.

Maudie—That Swatties girl is wildly infatuated with her new chum, that Molly Jamieson. What does it mean, I wonder? Madge—It means that Molly has a brother.—Chicago Record.

### A Leading Question.

Miss Elderbody—I hate men who are always making love. Miss Scroobox—To others!—Boston Transcript.

### Louisiana's Two Good Crops.

Two crops have paid well in Louisiana this year. While cotton and sugar fell in price far below what they were before, and in many instances probably below the cost of production, corn and rice sold well at a good advance over the previous year, returning a large profit to those who planted them. The reason for the improvement in corn is quite obvious. The failure of the western crop produced a scarcity throughout the country and sent prices up everywhere, even in the south, where the crop was a big one. Thus the Louisiana farmers had a double piece of luck which is not often given them—a big crop at good figures.

In rice it was somewhat different. The crop was short. This combined with the Chinese-Japanese war, which practically stopped the importation of foreign rice from across the Pacific, whence most of it comes, tend to stiffen prices to the advantage of the Louisiana farmers.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.



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